



Amendment and Response of May 2, 2005
~~J~~ Appln. No. 09/920,392

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 1, 2004

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Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed December 1, 2004. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date of the Office Action. Included herein is a petition and fee for a one-month extension of time. Therefore, this Amendment and Response is timely filed if filed on or before April 1, 2005, in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.7 and 37 CFR § 1.10. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge these additional fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to our Deposit

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Account No. 13-0019. Please reconsider the application in view of the remarks presented below.

It is respectfully submitted that entry of the following Response will place the claims in condition for Allowance.